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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, the 28th December 1956.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at ten of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Syllabus for Higher Elementary Schools

* 131 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to prescribe for Higher Elementary Schools the syllabus now in force in Middle Schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : May I know whether, according to the new plan envisaged in the White Paper, the difference in the syllabus is to be abolished?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir; that is one of the proposals of the Legislature Committee.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : May I know when it will be implemented by the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I intend taking immediate steps for revising the syllabus.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : In view of the fact that the distinction prevailing between village schools and urban schools has been rightly abolished by the Government, will the Government see that the examination at the end of the course is either abolished or is made uniform both for Higher Elementary Schools and Middle Schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I would refer the hon. Member to the Report of the Legislature Committee.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : As there is a sort of feeling getting abroad that the proposals of the Legislature Committee will not be implemented, will the Hon. Minister take necessary steps to see that the recommendations of that Committee are given effect to from 1957–58?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not aware of the prevalence of any such feeling anywhere. As far as I am concerned, I am determined to implement the recommendations of the Legislature Committee.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : After seeing the report of the Legislature Committee, people have a feeling that there is still a

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distinction between the course in a Higher Elementary School and that in a Middle School. Will the Government make it uniform either by abolishing the examination or by making it uniform?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That distinction is only with reference to eighth year class. That, we have said, could be considered a little later. As far as the general reorganization is concerned, that could be implemented immediately.

New schools in Srirangam Municipal area

* 132 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of newly started elementary schools within the Srirangam Municipal area that applied for recognition and aid during the school-year 1955–56; and

(*b*) the number of such applications still pending disposal?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) One application was received and it is under correspondence with the Municipal Commissioner.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : As I have information that one of the schools that was started did not receive recognition even after eight months since it was started and that it had to be closed—it has already been closed—will the Government kindly put a time-limit for the grant of recognition?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I find elementary schools are started without sanction and then the managements come up for sanction. Naturally it takes some time to dispose of the application, because the local body concerned and also the managements of schools nearby have got to be consulted. Simply because a person starts a school and runs it for some time, it does not mean that recognition to that school should be granted as a matter of course. It is better that one applies for sanction and then starts a school, if such difficulty as has been pointed out is to be avoided.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Do our rules allow of a school being started after sanction?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think there is any bar to asking for sanction beforehand.

Scales of pay of Instructors handling Engineering courses

* 133 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the scales of pay of Instructors and Assistant Instructors handling Engineering courses under the bifurcated courses of studies in secondary schools; and

(*b*) the qualifications prescribed for such posts?